
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
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v.	:	Crim. No. 21-487 (RBK)
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JOSEPH GEROMINI	:	ORDER FOR A CONTINUANCE

This matter having come before the Court on the application of Rachael A. Honig, Acting United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Eric A. Boden, Assistant United States Attorney appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from the date this Order is signed through February 28, 2022 to permit defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter and to allow the parties to discuss the matter and conduct plea negotiations in an effort to resolve the case before trial; and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter commence to trial within 70 days from the filing date (and making public) of the indictment, or from the date the defendant has appeared before a judicial officer of the court in which such charge is pending, whichever date last occurs pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1); and two prior continuances having been entered on June 23, 2021 by the Honorable Sharon A. King, U.S. Magistrate Judge, and on September 16, 2021 by the Honorable Robert B. Kugler, Senior U.S. District Judge; and the defendant having consented to the continuance; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) The defendant is in the process of substituting counsel, which will require additional time for new counsel to familiarize themselves with this matter;

(2) The parties anticipate exchanging discovery and entering into plea negotiations, which would render any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary;

(3) The failure to grant such a continuance would deny incoming counsel for the defendant or the attorney for the government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence;

(4) The defendant has orally consented to the aforementioned continuance during a status conference held by Zoom on November 18, 2021;


(5) The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources; and

(6) Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, it is on this 19th day of November, 2021;

ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued from the date this Order is signed through February 28, 2022; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from the date this Order is signed through February 28, 2022 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.


HON. ROBERT B. KUGLER
Senior United States District Judge